1. The Emptying of Identity

We are accustomed to hearing about the God who gives.

Today I want to speak about the God who empties.

Every one of us will go through a season of emptying so that His glory alone may flow through us.

I have noticed that the Father patiently waits until you allow Him to empty you completely, so that only He can speak and move through your life.

Those whom God has truly chosen for greatness will first experience complete emptying.

1) God removes the foundation upon which your old identity was built.

Every one of us will eventually lose the foundation that supported our previous life.

This is the season of exhaustion.

The season of complete emptying.

Look at Gideon.

God did not give Gideon more.

God kept taking things away.

He reduced Gideon's army again and again until only God could receive the glory.

> **"The LORD said to Gideon, 'You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against Me, saying, "My own strength has saved me." (Judges 7:2)**

God reduced an army of thirty-two thousand men to only three hundred.

Why?

Because God was removing every human reason for confidence.

The victory would belong to Him alone.

The question is:

Have you been emptied enough for God's movement to begin in your life?

2) God Himself will confront the source of your previous comfort.

He will shut down the very things you depended on.

Sometimes God closes doors because He refuses to let you build your future upon temporary foundations.

Anything that competes with complete dependence upon Him will eventually be removed.

3) God will break your support.

Just as He touched Jacob's hip, God will break every false source of strength.

Do you want to know what defines a true son of God?

A son of God is someone who has no other support except God Himself.

Whatever you lean on becomes your god.

So ask yourself:

What are you leaning on today?

Your money? Your ministry? Your gifts? Your reputation? Your relationships? Or God alone?

2. The Filling of Identity

Only genuine emptying makes genuine filling possible.

Only an empty vessel can be completely filled.

Every believer must discover his own voice.

Do you know when the Apostle Paul became most effective?

When he acknowledged his complete bankruptcy apart from Christ.

He wrote, ***"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost."*** **(1 Timothy 1:15)**

The greatest strength of a servant of God begins where self-confidence ends.

Death to self is the place where a person no longer pursues personal ambition.

David reached that place.
Moses reached that place.
Paul reached that place.

Only then could Heaven fully trust them.

Once again, I have noticed that the Father patiently waits until you allow Him to be your everything.

He wants to empty you until only His voice remains.

To truly become God's voice, you must stand outside the very thing you are called to speak to.

You cannot speak freedom while remaining captive.

You cannot preach surrender while still protecting your own ambitions.

When the Father entrusts you with His voice, people cannot ignore it.
Not because your personality is impressive.
Not because your preaching is powerful.

But because they recognize the voice of God speaking through you.

I must become empty of everyone and everything—even things that are good—if they are not God's assignment for me.

Moses stood before Pharaoh carrying God's voice.

He also made one of the most powerful statements recorded in Scripture: ***"If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."*** **(Exodus 33:15)**

Your true voice is found only when the Father begins speaking and acting through you.

Everything else is merely an attempt to imitate someone else's voice or someone else's movement.

People truly hear us only when they hear the Father speaking through us.

Most believers will never discover their own voice because they have never submitted to complete emptying.

Instead, they become echoes of someone else's revelations.

Only the Creator's voice has the authority to transform lives.

Will you allow His voice to be heard through your mouth?

The reality is this:
God entrusts great responsibility only to those who have become deeply aware of their own weakness and inability.

Because when His power is revealed through a weak vessel, there is no doubt about who deserves the glory.

As Paul declared: ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." And again, "When I am weak, then I am strong."*** **(2 Corinthians 12:9–10)**

Only when your strength ends can God's strength begin.
Only when your voice becomes silent can Heaven entrust you with His voice.
Only when your identity is emptied of self can it be filled with Christ.